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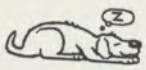
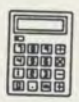
## maggie's mumblings

### Dyke Quest-Part II...

I don't know why the same ideas keep coming to mind, maybe it's something in the air, or maybe the lack of original new ideas is just school-time burnout. Or, maybe I'm just obsessed with scoping out new women. (The most likely answer is the latter-as if you couldn't guess). It seems the last time I wrote, I talked about it being more difficult to tell the womyn from the women, if you know what I mean, and my new favorite pastime of dyke hunting, not to be confused with duck hunting.

When I used to make my 12 hour trek back to PA and the family homestead, I used to get up very early for the trip, so I could drive it all in one day. Now the older I get, the less important that seems. Well, on my way back home to Indiana (hmm, sort of reminds you of a song, huh?) I got off to what has become a characteristically late start. (Around 2 PM was the time I finally got the car packed up and ready to roll-actually there was an ice storm that morning, and I wasn't too keen about the idea of driving in that, so I waited till it cleared up). Now the only problem is that I also characteristically fall asleep earlier and earlier, (as can be attested to by my friends who have experienced my rude snoring during social gatherings-but I keep maintaining that this is just an indication of how comfortable I am in their company) and I figured I wouldn't be getting back to SB until 2AM, which means I'm going to be really tired not just of driving, but really sleepy as well. The last three or four hours of the trip really become a challenge under these circumstances.





Remember when you were a kid, and you went on trips with the family, and your parents would try to keep you from being obnoxious by getting you to play games like see how many different states you can find on license plates? Well, when you're alone with yourself in a car for twelve hours, there are limited forms of self-entertainment that are safe. (You have to remember that it's necessary to concentrate and keep your eyes on the road lest you become an ornament on a bridge abutment.)

Anyway, I stopped for gas and in front of me was a jeep type vehicle, unoccupied when I pulled up, and I had to wait to start pumping because my car wasn't near enough. Anyway, these two womyn come and get in the jeep, and I get this quick glance and the idea that they just might be lesbians. Well, they take off, and I've just started pumping the gas. I hurry and pay, and get back on the interstate as fast as I can. You see, now I'm on a mission... DYKEQUEST!! I figure if they're going somewhere around the speed limit, I'll eventually catch up to them and be able to check them out. A new road game!!! See how many dykes you can identify on the interstate. Look at the people driving, look at the bumper stickers, look at the vehicle, check out the semis for women drivers, check out the rest stops and cars in the parking lot and if there's a dead giveaway dykemobile, wait for the occupant(s) to emerge and smile at her(or them). I call this friendliness, a way to avoid boredom and falling asleep at the wheel, and a great way to occupy some otherwise really boring time. (Other people might call it shameless flirting, but I'm much too shy for that.)

I eventually passed the jeep but it was dark. I guess even if I thought they were dykes, you just can't be sure these days. (Although I feel that all women are really lesbians, they're just spending some straight time.) But in my mind and heart, they were indeed "some of the girls". Fortunately, I didn't get a speeding ticket (the speed limit in PA is still 55), and I made some good time going that fast.

I made it back to South Bend by 12:45 AM alive and well, counted 9 definites and three maybes, and was totally fooled by another vehicle that had the homophobia bumper sticker, passing it to find a man and a woman and a child as its occupants. HUH?????

P.S. In case you're wondering why this is part II, you'd have to have read my last column. Since that time, I've met my neighbor (not the one in the Toyota but someone with a pierced nose who I ran into at Truman's), saw the woman at the library at a pro choice meeting (not a dyke but at least a feminist), and saw a couple more small town dykes. I'm also glad that the other missing person was only on the lam from the fashion police.

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## VIDEO NIGHT

*Therese And Isabelle*

An all girl's school...A first special friendship.

*Town's Revenge*

After a long absence from her home town, a womon returns to find that the paranoia and hatred that drove her away still exists.

April 9th, 7-9 p.m.

Gloria and Julie's

(call for directions 684-4011)

Drinking is O.K., Smoking outside, Bring snacks to share.

## LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP

Tues. 7-9 p.m.

For info write:

LSG

P.O. Box 1281

Niles, MI 49120

## SUNDAY BRUNCH

Clamity Janes

2828 Lincolnway East, Mishawaka

April 4th, 11:00 a.m.

Call Kaye or Marcia for reservations: 271-0338

## 3RD FRIDAY OUT

The Malabar

1709 South Bend Ave., South Bend

April 16th, 7 p.m.

Excellent Indian cuisine featuring Northern and Southern Indian delicacies.

Call Lu and Sheree for reservations: (616)-684-6365

## GAME NIGHT

Kaye and Marcia's

Call for directions

(219)-271-0338

7 p.m., Saturday, April 24th

Bring your favorite game, drink and a snack to share.

Anyone who would like to open their home to a Game Night contact Lu at (616)-684-6365.

## WANTED: SOFTBALL PLAYERS

We are getting together a softball team to play in the South Bend C League this summer. Experience not necessary but must be willing to have a good time.

Call Sheree at (616)-684-6365 by April 10th if interested.

Also need a person or business to sponsor a wonderful lesbian team.

### OPEN ARMS DEADLINE/MEETING

The deadline for submissions for the April *Open Arms* is April 10th. Submissions can be mailed to Open Arms, P.O. Box 845, Mishawaka, IN 46546 or given to Mary, Sheree or Kaye. Submissions received after April 10th may not be published in the April newsletter.

Newsletter meeting: Sunday, April 11th, 1993 at 2121 Hollywood Place, South Bend, 6:00 p.m. Call Jeanne, 287-5071 for directions.

### EVENTS COORDINATORS

3rd Friday Out: Lu & Sheree (616) 684-6365

Wimin's Video Night: Gloria & Julie (616) 684-4011

Game Night: Sheree (616) 684-6365

Sunday Brunch: Kaye & Marsha (219) 271-0388

### EDITORIAL POLICY

We may edit any article submitted for length or content. We ask that all articles submitted be signed and typed, but will respect the wishes of the author by not printing her name if so requested.

PLEASE TYPE SUBMISSIONS IF POSSIBLE

If it is possible for you to type your submissions on a letter quality typewriter or printer, please do so using a 55 space line. This will make layout of the newsletter easier for our staff. Thanks.

### OPEN ARMS STAFF MEMBERS

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| Kaye or Marcia | (219) 271-0338 |
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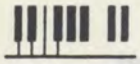


### Margie Adam

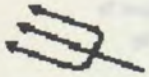
Margie Adam in concert - May 21 in Milwaukee, WI and May 22 in Chicago, IL. Call (510)-569-5139 for more info on concerts or to order new cassette or CD.

### Lesbians in Military Get Boot

Lesbians are more likely than gays to be discharged from the military for homosexuality. Wimin make up 9.6% of the total military force, but 23% of the homosexuals dismissed from the military between 1980 and 1990 were lesbians or accused of being lesbians.

The Defense Advisory Committee on Wimin in the Services, an independent panel that advises the Secretary of Defense, concluded that allegations of lesbianism are "destructive harassment". But until President Clinton ordered the military to stop the witch hunt, the Pentagon continued to investigate "hearsay allegations" against suspected lesbians.

A lesbian Air Force lieutenant who spurned the advances of a married Army reserve captain was put on unpaid reserve status when the captain told investigators she was a lesbian. Although the captain encouraged the woman to commit sodomy and adultery, both violations of the military code of conduct, he continues to be paid as a reserve officer.



### CATHOLIC LESBIANS (or former)

The editors of Catholic Girls seek memorable, outrageous, funny or disturbing experiences of growing up Catholic. Stories, poems or memoirs put in the collection will reflect all diversities of culture. Maximum length; 25 pp. - contributors will be paid. Send material with SASE (self-addressed, stamped envelope) to: Vecchione/Sumrall, P.O.Box 61, Capitola, CA 95010 by May 31, 1993.

### MAGAZINE FOR BLACK LESBIANS

The new non-profit magazine, BLACK LINKS, will debut in early 1993. The main focus will be social contact through coded personal ads but there will also be articles promoting dialogue and unity among Black Lesbians. For information and a FREE copy of the first issue call 215-224-6496 and leave your name and address, or write P.O.Box 46195, Philadelphia, PA 19144.

### SPINSTERS MOVE

Spinster's Inc. the lesbian/feminist book publisher, has moved to Minneapolis. The new address is: P.O.Box 300170, Minneapolis, MN 55403.

### GENDER BALANCE FOR LAPD

The Los Angeles City Council unanimously passed resolutions to increase the percentage of wimin in the LAPD, from 14% to 44%, which is the percentage of wimin in the general LA work force. LA Police Chief, Willie Williams, has said he supports the gender equity proposals, but so far he has suggested only working groups and policy initiatives to achieve gender balance.

### AGEISM IN LESBIAN COMMUNITIES

A book about lesbians and ageism, "Facilitator's Handbook: Confronting Ageism, Consciousness Raising for Lesbians 60 and Over", is available by writing to Old Lesbian Organizing Committee (OLOC), P.O.Box 980422, Houston, TX, 77098. It is a 166 page paperback edition, published in 1992 for $15.00.

### Bosnia, Muslim Rape Survivors

Catharine A. MacKinnon, a feminist law professor at the University of Michigan, has been retained to represent three Croatian Wimin's groups in rape cases against Serbian soldiers. MacKinnon will serve pro bono. She has done legal work for Wimin's Civil Rights, drafted the legal definition of sexual harassment and helped draft a legal defense for wimin's civil rights in the making of pornography that was used as the model for current Canadian law.

To support the rape survivors in Bosnia and Croatia, write: Equality Now, P.O.Box 20646, Columbus Circle Station, New York, NY 10023.

### LESBIAN WRITERS

Tough Dove Books is looking for lesbian adventure stories, wild wimin stories, eccentric characters, travel, true life experience, sci-fi, sexual exploits, everyday tales, exciting events, fiction, and non-fiction for an anthology. Previously unpublished writers are encouraged to submit materials. Send double-spaced manuscript or ASC II file on IBM PC compatible disk with SASE by January 1994 to: MiKaya, 11101 Eastside Road, Ukiah, CA 95482.

### PRIDE DAY ENTERTAINERS

There are still openings for entertainers for the Michiana Pride Day Celebration which will be held June 13, 1993. If you are interested, contact Marcia at (219) 287-1302.

## AWE--AMERICAN WOMEN'S TRANS-ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION UPDATE

On January 14, 1993, four women skied into "herstory" when they arrived at the South Pole, completing a 660 mile journey across Antarctica from the Hercules Inlet to the Pole. Ann Bancroft, Sunniva Sorby, Anne Del Vera and Sue Giller are easing themselves back into life in the States now and are beginning to share the stories of their adventure. In last month's OPEN ARMS I told you about this expedition. I thought I would give you an update as much has happened in the past month.

When the team reached the South Pole they discussued their options, either continue another 900 miles to McMurdo Base or end the journey here. They carefully considered their shrinking time-window. The last boat out of McMurdo was February 17th and winter in Antarctica was coming fast. The additional financial cost to be flown out if they missed the boat and the physical well-being of all the members were factored into a difficult, yet responsible decision to end the expedition and prepare to go home.

The team members do not consider that the expedition is over, rather they are in a new stage of their journey. They have remained friends and although their goal of not leaving a significant mark in Antarctica was achieved, they have definitely created a new place for and understanding of women in the world.

AWE has existed, persevered and succeeded without major corporate sponsorship. The expedition has been financed through an extensive grassroots network of women, children and men. At this time AWE is still $250,000 in debt and continues to need our support. If you would like to make a contribution or receive more information, please write to: AWE, 2356 University Ave, St. Paul, MN 55114 or call (612) 641-1919.

The women of AWE are definite role models for other explorers, but the significance of the their adventure also touches those of us who will never see Antarctica. This trip has taught us about discovering ourselves and others in ways we may have never considered. It has set an example for women and children to create a dream, believe in it and seek out ways to make the dream reality. Most importantly, this adventure challenges us to make our own place in herstory, knowing that there are women who have gone before us, who walk along side us and who will follow us.

--AnnMarie
(assisted by Peg, in CA)

## Herstory: Ann Bradstreet

Bradstreet left a life of nobility in England to settle in Massachusetts with her husband where she became the first published poet in American history. Her collection of poems titled *THE TENTH MUSE LATELY SPRUNG UP IN AMERICA* was published in London in 1650.

## DIETRICH A LESBIAN?

On PrimeTime Live, Diane Sawyer asked Maria Riva, Marlene Dietrich's daughter, if her mother was a lesbian. Riva answered that her mother probably wouldn't have called herself a lesbian but said she (Marlene) did love women!

LESBIAN AND GAY BOOKS
AT THE ST. JOSEPH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Books at Mishawaka Public Library are marked with *. South Bend cardholders can borrow books in Mishawaka and vice versa..

306.766 K643a — After the Ball: How America Will Conquer Its Fear and Hatred of Gays in the 90's by Marshall Kirk. Doubleday, 1989.

306.766 H754 — Homophobia: How We All Pay The Price by Warren J. Blumenfield, ed. Beacon Press, 1992.

306.766 H53 — Hidden From History: Reclaiming the Gay and Lesbian Past. NAL Books, 1989.

306.766 M616i — In Search of Gay America: Women and Men in A Time of Change by Neil Miller. Atlantic Monthly Press, 1989.

306.766 M616o — Out in the World: Gay and Lesbian Life from Buenos Aires to Bankok by Neil Miller. 1992.

306.7663 B275i — Invisible Lives: The Truth About Millions of Women Loving Women by Martha Barrett. Morrow Press, 1989.

306.766 C838g — Gay Men and Women Who Enriched theWorld by Thomas Cowan.Mulvey Press,1988.

346.73016 Ad13r — A Legal Guide for Lesbian and Gay Couples by Hayden Curry.C937L,Nolo Press,1991.

306.766 M334m — The Rise of a Gay and Lesbian Movement by Barry D.Adam, Twyne Publishers,1987.

306.766 — Making History, The Struggle For Gay and Lesbian Equal Rights, 1945-1990: An Oral History by E. Marcus, Harpers Collins,1992.

B H484t — The Trouble with Harry Hay; Founder of the Mod. Gay Movemt. -S.Timmons,Alyson '90.

306.766 R861h — A Hot-Eyed Moderate by Jane Rule, Naiad Press, 1985.

306.766 D651g — Gay Identity: The Self Under Ban by W.H. DuBay,1987.

306.7663 P375o — Call Me Lesbian Lives, Lesbian Theory by Penelope, Crossing Press, 1992.

Next month: Lesbian/Gay Life and Religion

SEE YOU IN WASHINGTON !

# REGISTRATION FORM

national women's music festival

### Thursday, June 3

| | |
|---|---|
| 9:00 am - 9:30 am | Welcome |
| 10:00 am - 12:30 pm | Morning intensive workshops |
| Noon - 5:30 pm | Artists/Craftswomen area |
| 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm | Afternoon intensive workshops |
| 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm | Guest speaker: Angela Davis |
| 8:30 pm - 10:30 pm | AWMAC sampler concert |
| 11:00 pm - 1:00 am | Bloomingmoon Café |

### Friday, June 4

| | |
|---|---|
| 9:00 am - 5:00 pm | Workshops, films and videos |
| 9:30 am - 6:00 pm | Artists/Craftswomen area |
| 10:00 am - 7:30 pm | Fine Arts exhibits |
| 10:00 am - Noon | Theatre presentation: *Connections of the Heart* |
| 10:30 am - Noon | Round robin |
| 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm | Showcase concert<br>Jess Hawk Oakenstar<br>Sara Cytron<br>Rashida Oji |
| 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm | Theatre presentation: Susan Jackson |
| 7:30 pm - 10:30 pm | Mainstage concert<br>Suede<br>June Jordan<br>Teresa Trull |
| 11:00 pm | Full moon ritual with Z Budapest<br>Theatre presentation: Marcia Wilkie |
| 11:00 pm - 1:00 am | Live dance band -- Yer Girlfriend<br>Bloomingmoon Café<br>Films and videos |

### Saturday, June 5

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|---|---|
| 8:30 am | 2K walk, 5K run |
| 9:00 am - 5:00 pm | Workshops, films and videos |
| 9:30 am - 6:00 pm | Artists/Craftswomen area |
| 10:00 am - 7:30 pm | Fine Arts exhibits |
| 10:00 am - Noon | Theatre presentation: *Connections of the Heart* |
| 10:30 am - Noon | Round robin |
| 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm | Showcase concert<br>Susan Herrick<br>Lynn Thomas<br>Pam Hall |
| 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm | Spirituality twilight ritual |
| 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm | Theatre presentation: Marcia Wilkie |
| 7:30 pm - 10:30 pm | Mainstage<br>Jamie Anderson<br>The Washington Sisters<br>Sawagi Taiko |
| 11:00 pm - 1:00 am | Bloomingmoon Café<br>Two-step dance with Maile Klein and Marina Hodgini<br>Films and videos |

### Sunday, June 6

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| 8:00 am - 9:30 am | Bike ride |
| 9:00 am - 2:00 pm | Workshops, films and videos<br>Artists/Craftswomen area |
| 10:00 am - 3:00 pm | Fine Arts exhibits |
| 10:30 am - Noon | Round robin<br>Annual meeting of Women in the Arts/NWMF |
| 11:00 am - Noon | Theatre by the children |
| 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm | Readers theatre |
| 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm | Mainstage concert<br>Alix Dobkin<br>Suzanne Westenhoefer<br>Linda Tillery and Band |
| 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm | Closing dance |

Nazi Camp Symbol

from Lesbian Connection

MAIL TO: Conference Registrar, Indiana University Conference Bureau, IMU 677, Bloomington, IN 47405.
Please do not mail after May 15 -- register on-site.

**Step 1**
Registrant Information
One person per form; please photocopy.

Name_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Phone-day (___) _____ night (___) _____

**Step 2**
Membership
I want to be a member and support Women in the Arts/The National Women's Music Festival! Please circle one (optional):

$10 (Diana) $15 (Demeter Family)

$50 (Hecate) $100 (Kali) $1000 (Oshun-lifetime)

**Step 3**
Festival Passes--Registration
(over 60/under 16 = half price; over 70/under 12 = free)
Work exchange, see Step 10
Passes include Mainstage Concert for the days specified.

Circle choice(s)

| Postmarked | by Feb. 28 | by April 30 | after April 30 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4-Day Pass (Thurs.-Sun.) | $110 | $130 | $150 |
| 3-Day Pass (Fri.-Sun.) | $95 | $115 | $135 |
| Thursday Pass | $40 | $40 | $45 |
| Friday Pass | $50 | $50 | $55 |
| Saturday Pass | $50 | $50 | $55 |
| Sunday Pass | $35 | $35 | $40 |
| Mainstage Concerts Only | | | |
| Friday (7:30 pm) | $22 | $22 | $25 |
| Saturday (7:30 pm) | $22 | $22 | $25 |
| Sunday (3:00 pm) | $22 | $22 | $25 |

TOTAL REGISTRATION $_____

**Step 4**
5K Run and 2K Walk
(Proceeds benefit Access Central Services)
Saturday, June 5, 1993, at 8:30 am

Entry fee = 5K Run: $5 before May 15 $_____
2K Walk: $3 before May 15 $_____
Race T-shirt = $7 advance order $_____
Age as of June 5, 1993_____ T-shirt size (100% cotton)_____

TOTAL RUN & WALK $_____

**Step 5**
Housing & Meals

Campus Housing (double rooms only)
Housing: Number of nights_____ at $22 each $_____
Arrival date_____ Departure date_____
Meals: Friday breakfast-Sunday lunch package = $49 $_____

TOTAL HOUSING & MEALS $_____

Hotel/Motel info call 1-800-800-0037

**Step 6**
Airport Shuttle
Round-trip shuttle = $20:
Between Indpls. International Airport and Festival HQ.
Wednesday through Monday AM

| Arrival | Airline | Flight # | Date | Time |
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| Departure | Airline | Flight # | Date | Time |
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**Step 7**
Total Due

Memberships (from Step 2) $_____
Registration (from Step 3) $_____
Walk/Run Entry (from Step 4) $_____
Housing/Meals (from Step 5) $_____
Shuttle (from Step 6) $_____
Credit card charge ($5) $_____
I cannot attend the festival, but please accept my donation. $_____

TOTAL ENCLOSED $_____

NO REFUNDS AFTER MAY 15.
Method of payment: (Make check or money order payable to NWMF)
( ) Personal Check ( ) Money Order ( ) VISA ( ) MasterCard

Card Number_____
Exp. Date_____
Name (please print)_____
Signature_____

**Step 8**
Children and Childcare Information
On-site childcare is free if preregistered by May 1. All ages welcome.

Child's name_____ Age_____
Child's name_____ Age_____

_____ Please send me more information about Childcare and the Children's Program.

**Step 9**
Services/Access Central
Please check, and additional information will be sent to you.
_____Interpreting for Deaf & hard of hearing
_____Close parking
_____Special diet
_____Campus shuttle
_____Large print/cassette formats
_____Wheelchair access
_____Other:

**Step 10**
Volunteers/Work Exchange
Preregister by May 1. Send me information on:
_____Work exchange options
_____Camping facilities
_____Community guest housing (free)
_____Pre-festival volunteer
_____On-site festival volunteer
_____Please send a workshop application

***GULF COAST WOMEN'S FESTIVAL***
April 7-11 near New Orleans
Henson Productions, 1806 Curcor Dr, Gulfport, MS 39507
phone (601)896-3196

***VIRGINIA WOMEN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL***
May 14-16
INTOUCH, Rt 2 Box 1096, Kent's Store, VA 23084
phone (804)589-6542

***SOUTHERN WOMEN'S MUSIC & COMEDY FEST***
May 27-31 (Memorial wknd), near Henderson, NC
Robin Tyler Prod, 15842 Chase St, North Hills, CA 91343
phone (818)893-4075, FAX (818)893-1593

***WIMINFEST***
Memorial weekend, May 28-30
WIMIN, PO Box 80204, Albuquerque, NM 87198-0204
phone (505)265-3297

***WEST COAST LESBIANS' FESTIVAL***
May 28-31 in Santa Barbara, CA
Particular Productions, 279 Lester Ave, Oakland, CA 94606 phone (510)763-9228

***NATIONAL WOMEN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL***
June 3-6 in Bloomington, IN
NWMF, Dept LC, PO Box 1427, Indianapolis, IN 46206
phone (317)636-7382

***NORTHAMPTON LESBIAN FESTIVAL***
July 23-25 at the Swift River Inn
WOW Productions, 160 Main St, Northampton, MA 01060
phone (413)586-8251

***MICHIGAN WOMYN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL***
August 10-15 near Hart, Michigan
WWTMC, Box 22, Walhalla, MI 49458
phone (616)757-4766

***WEST COAST WOMEN'S MUSIC & COMEDY FEST***
Sept 2-6 (Labor Day wknd) near Yosemite, CA
Robin Tyler Prod, 15842 Chase St, North Hills, CA 91343
phone (818)893-4075, FAX (818)893-1593

***EAST COAST LESBIANS' FESTIVAL***
Sept 3-6 at Lakeside Camp on the NY/PA border, 3 hours north of NYC. ECLF, 2854 Coastal Hwy #7, St Augustine, FL 32095 phone (904)826-0410

***RHYTHMFEST***
Labor Day weekend in northern Georgia
RhythmFest, PO Box 15427, Atlanta, GA 30333
phone (404)687-8833 or Michelle Crone (518)463-1051

***SISTERSPACE POCONO WEEKEND***
Sept 10-12 in Pennsylvania Poconos, 2½ hrs from NYC & Philadelphia. Sisterspace, 351 S 47th St B-101, Philadelphia, PA 19143 phone (215)476-2424

**LESBIAN**
**SUPPORT/STUDY/SOCIAL GROUP**

**TO BE FORMED BY THE SPRINGTIME!**

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**POSSIBILITIES:**

Potlucks
Women's Studies
Discussions
Outings
Movies/Videos
Networking
Friendships
Consciousness Raising
Emotional Support

**For more information and an opportunity to offer ideas or suggestions during this planning stage, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to:**

**SAPPHO'S NETWORK**
**P.O. BOX 1325**
**LOGANSPORT, IN 46947-7325**

That wonderful sense of community may be closer than you think--we *are* everywhere!

## Women Veteran's Network Celebrates Anniversary

The Pallas Athena Network was formed one year ago by women veterans to provide ALL women veterans a "safe space" in which they can share experiences with other women who "have been there".

The voice of the network, the bi-monthly newlsetter "Pallas Athena", prints interviews, articles and history as well as letters and creative works by women veterans.

In celebration of its first anniversary, The Pallas Athena Network has added several new services designed to provide additional opportunities for women veterans to share experiences, opinions, ideas.

"The primary goal of our Network has always been to provide an open environment in which all women veterans could feel free to express themselves about their experiences." says Barbara Sweatt, Network Coordinator. "Our new services reflect our commitment to opening lines of communication between women veterans."

Discreet services by/for lesbian veterans are available by requesting our supplement. For more information, contact: Pallas Athena, P.O. Box 1171, New Market, VA 22844. (No postcards please.)

HOW THE STARS WERE CREATED

Once upon a time, two lovers lived. They lived in love and peace with the daily struggles of living. But they had love and shared love. This is the story of the love they shared as told to me -the keeper of words- the story of the stars in the sky.

When I see you standing before me in your beauty and glory; your eyes merry and smile so warm and pure, my heart leaps in my breast and I draw my breath slowly least my eyes part from you my love. I feel the warmth of love embrace my senses and fill me with passion.

When I touch your skin so soft in loving caress the stars flow from my fingertips. And they dance o' your body like firey sparks. In your hair they glitter and in your eyes they shine.

As you caress my body in love and kindness the stars shoot from your fingertips. And we are aglow with the love between us.

I soar to the heavens and spill the stars into the nights sky. I see that you have done the same. Now the heavens are aglow with the love between us.

When others look to the night sky filled with stars, they dream of misty places warm and loving- for in love is how the stars were created.

Deb.

**TRIVIA QUESTION**

**Where can you buy lesbian and gay reading material? Which are lesbian owned and operated and which will do mail orders?**

**MARCH TRIVIA QUESTION ANSWER**

**Jean Mohn submitted the most complete answer to the April trivia question: how many state or federal openly lesbian/gay legislators can you name? Our answer:**

**Liz Stefanics, NM, State Senator**

- Glen Maxey, TX - State House of Representatives
- Allan Spear, MN State Senate
- Gerry Studds, MA - House of Representatives
- Barney Frank, MA - House of Representatives
- Cal Anderson, WA - State House of Representatives
- Tammy Baldwin, WI - State Assembly
- Gail Shibley, OR - State House of Representatives
- Karen Clark, MN - State House of Representatives
- Susan Farnsworth, ME - State House of Representatives
- Tom Fleury, VT - State Assembly
- Joseph S. Grabarz, Jr., CT - State House of Rep.
- Dale McCormick, ME State Senate

## FEMALE RAPE

A survey of 101 lesbian and gay college students and activists revealed that 8.3% of the wimin and 5.9% of the men admitted to forcing their current or most recent sex partners to have sex against their will.

Rape is a crime committed overwhelmingly by males against wimin, while rape committed by wimin is rare, but not unknown. The FBI Uniform Crime Report showed wimin accounted for 1.3% of the 30,350 people arrested for rape.

Denise Snyder of the D.C.Rape Crisis Center feels that "Whatever the incident rate of female-on-female rape is, it's mere existence gravely weakens the sacred bond of non-violent female sexuality."

Dixon stresses that "violation and trauma are not limited to acts of forced penile-vaginal intercourse", but also result from being treated as an object with no control over the intimate relationship.

## MAIL ORDER PRESCRIPTION

Community Prescription Service provides a mail order prescriptions and AIDS information. For more information or to enroll call 1-800-677-4323 (9 am -9 pm EST).

## BOOK especially for WIMIN OF COLOR

A book about organizations and projects for wimin of color may be purchased for $10.95 ppd by writing: The Women of Color Resource Center, 2288 Fulton St. Ste 103, Berkeley, CA 94704.

## LESBIAN COUPLES

A womon needs to interview lesbian couples who have been together for 10 years or longer. This is for a dissertation in Family Studies. Lesbian perceptions of long term relationships is needed. Anonymous and confidential. Please call Daune Littlefield, (517)-484-9486.

## TEACHERS SUSPENDED

Three high school teachers were suspended only hours after allowing several lesbian mothers to speak to their classes on a parenting project in Meridian, Idaho. The teachers were told to apologize to students and parents and were given written reprimands. The following day, 500 students had a rally during lunchtime in support of the teachers. Two weeks later the school board reinstated the teachers without reprimand and agreed to establish a clear policy on guest speakers in the future.

### LESBIAN AND GAY AA GROUPS

Sundays -Elkhart General Hospital
Renaissance Unit
2nd Floor
7 p.m.

Mondays -First Unitarian Church
101 E. Northshore
South Bend
7 p.m.
(1st meeting of the month is an open meeting)

Saturdays -First Unitarian Church
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South Bend
8 p.m.

## SURVIVOR PENSIONS FOR DYKES

A Lesbian in Victoria, Canada, recently won a survivor's pension after the death of her long time partner. The two wimin had been together for 20 years. The Workers Compensation Board originally agreed only to pay for funeral costs but the BC Nurses Union and a human rights complaint were filed and the board reversed its decision granting the surviving lesbian a monthly pension of almost $1400.

## LESBIAN MARRIAGES

In 1989, Denmark became the first country in the world to recognize same sex marriages. Since then, 492 lesbian couples and 809 gay couples have been married. Only 17 couples have sought divorces. Same-sex couples who marry in Denmark cannot adopt children or have a church wedding, but otherwise have the same rights as opposite sex couples. A similar law was proposed in December in Norway where homosexuality was illegal 20 years ago. A mass wedding/commitment ceremony will be conducted on April 24th in Washington, D.C., the day before the Lesbian/Bisexual/Gay March.

## LESBIAN FUND

A group of New York lesbians want to raise $10 million over the next 10 years to establish a permanent endowment for a lesbian grant fund. The organizers hope that 100 wimin will donate $10,000 each for the fund called "Fund of 100 Women" so that lesbians will not have to be dependent upon others (notably the government) for money for lesbian arts, education, health care or community needs. Anyone interested in donating $10,000?

To the Staff of OPEN ARMS:

In the past, I have been content to get my newsletter and not contribute my opionion; however, I feel compelled to express some of my thoughts.

I appreciate other people's opinions,even if I don't agree with them. I find it stimulating just to hear a different point of view, as it gives me food for thought and I often learn some new and interesting things. There is no way I would want to discourage anyone from expressing their thoughts, opinions or ideas, as I believe everyone's is important. I remember at a Lesbian Support Group, Bobbi Miller once said that we should celebrate in the diversity within the Lesbian community. Those words have echoed in my mind, and it is that diversity that I believe OPEN ARMS should represent. It should be a Newsletter that is Open, as well as being objective. Maybe it is time that a Mission Statement be formed and implemented so that the whole community has a clear understanding of what OPEN ARMS really is. -LU

## Just the Facts:
### by Penny S. Lorio

For every lesbian on the planet, there's a man–
Wait! Don't turn the page! Please, let me finish.
...there's a man who believes he's packin' the cure for what's ailing you in his trousers.

Am I right, women? We've all known this guy at one time or another. Maybe you knew him as Ted, or Bob, or Steve. Maybe he had a moustache; maybe he didn't. He was a friend, a co-worker, a pal. Until you shared, in confidence, that you are a lesbian. Suddenly, it's as if his eyes have seen a strange, new light. Now he knows the meaning of life. He's a man with a mission. Your friend, this pal, becomes the self-appointed leader of a crusade to preserve heterosexuality, and thereby save our species from extinction. And it all begins with you.

At first, his tactic is subtle. "You just haven't met the right man."

Nice try. It's all a matter of taste. I still won't eat venison either, no matter how it's cooked.

Then he'll try to sympathize. Obviously he's been a woman and understands sexual ineptness. "Most men don't know how to make love to a woman."

Well, it's a known fact that all women are born with a tattoo on their butt that reads; "Do not remove cover. No user serviceable parts inside. This woman should only be serviced by factory trained personnel." But if men's ignorance is epidemic, then send them to night school. It's not my problem.

Striking out with those tactics, he'll probably employ the ever popular; "that's because you've never tried me."

A classic line. Apparently a cue to fall down on your knees and give thanks. This man has a penis. He can save you. Everyone knows a lesbian is just a woman who needs a good f–k.

And what a brave soldier. Volunteering unselfishly, without regard for his own safety, to boldly go where no man has gone before. When pigs fly.

Facing total rejection, his ego rushes to his defense. "Oh, I get it," he says, eyes narrowing. "You don't want to be with a man because you want to be one, right?"

Well, you got me. It's a simple case of penis envy. It's every lesbian's dream to be able to pee outside and write her name in the snow. To have something to play with while she's waiting for that 3-2 pitch. To have a buoy for her toy boats to race around in the bathtub. Frankly, a penis is such an essential piece of equipment, I don't know how I've managed to survive this long without one.

Get a clue.

You could try to explain that the essence of being a lesbian is not between your legs, it's in your heart. It's the warmth, safety, affection and desire that a woman feels in another woman's arms. That it's not about hating men, it's about loving women. But don't waste your breath. No matter how you try to explain, a man like that will still take it personally.

Let him. He deserves it.

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SPRING HOME SCHEDULE

SOFTBALL

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| 4/3 | No. Central Coll | 1:00 p.m. Sat. |
| 4/8 | Manchester Coll | 3:30 p.m. Thur. |
| 4/26 | Kalamazoo Coll | 3:00 p.m. Mon. |

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| 4/3 | Hillsdale Coll | 1:00 p.m. Sat. |
| 4/14 | Univ of Chicago | 3:00 p.m. Wed. |
| 4/24 | Wheaton Coll | TBA Sat. |
| 4/24 | Depauw Univ. | TBA Sat. |
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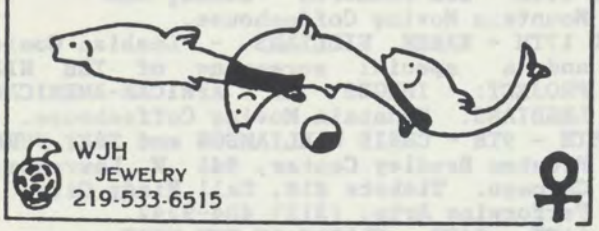

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| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 3rd Friday Out 7 p.m. | 17 |
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## OTHER COMING EVENTS

**APRIL 2ND - 8TH - CLAIRE OF THE MOON - Downtown Theater, Milwaukee, WI.**

**APRIL 3RD - MARLA BB'S SASSY MAMA BLUES- Mountain Moving Coffeehouse, 1545 West Morse, Chicago. (312) 561-6544, (312) 685-8310.**

**APRIL 10TH - DOS FALLOPIA - Comedy Duo - Mountain Moving Coffeehouse.**

**APRIL 17TH - KAREN WILLIAMS - Lesbian Comic and a special screening of THE NIA PROJECT: IMAGES OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN LESBIANS. Mountain Moving Coffeehouse.**

**MAY 8TH - 9TH - CHRIS WILLIAMSON and TRET FURE Preston Bradley Center, 941 W. Lawrence, Chicago. Tickets $18. Call Windy City Performing Arts, (312) 404-9242.**

**JUNE 11TH - 24TH - CLAIRE OF THE MOON - Music Box, Chicago.**

**JUNE 13TH - MICHIANA PRIDE DAY CELEBBRATION.**

**PRIDE ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING. Call 287-1302 for time, date and directions.**

**4TH SUNDAY - P-FLAG MEETING - 2-4 p.m., Christ the King Lutheran Church, 17195 Cleveland Rd., South Bend.**